



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 18, 2014

**TITLE:** Motion - Grant Application for FEMA FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters  
Grant Program: Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

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### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Fire and Investigation Program via the Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Program from the United States Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency. Matching funds are budget in FY 2013/2014.

### **Background**

The primary goal of the Fire Prevention & Safety Grants (FP&S) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention Bureau needs another certified Fire Investigator and fully equipped vehicle to conduct origin and cause investigations.

This project would allow the department to train and certify one (1) existing certified fire safety inspector to be an additional certified Fire Investigator. It would also allow for the department to purchase an additional vehicle and equipment with all of the recommended tools as listed in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 921). Having a sixth member on the Fire Investigation Team would allow the department to proactively and aggressively investigate all fires for an educated origin and cause determination by a certified Fire Investigator. It would also reduce the work load for the remaining five who currently are on the team. The project should also increase the safety of the fire investigation team lowering the chances of fatigue and increasing the safety at large incidents.

The grant application for \$36,000, includes a \$1,800 (5% Local Cash Match), to USDSHS: FEMA FY2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants.

## Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$1,800.

<i>Funds available as of</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
001-FD001-9129	General Fund	Other Uses/Transfer to Miscellaneous Grants	\$723,300	\$414,300	\$1800
<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$1800</b>

### Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative*, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 10:** Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.
- **Objective 1:** Provide and effectively communicate comprehensive emergency management planning and disaster recovery

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*

Attachment: Exhibit 1: FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grants – Get Ready Guide 2013

Related CAM : #12-2151

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